

WORLD'S EDUCATORS ATTEND CENTENNIAL AT UNIVERSITY OF VA.

HIGHEST HONORS PAID TO FOUNDER OF GREAT SCHOOL

Speakers Render Eloquent Tribute to Genius and Foresight of Jefferson.

AUDIENCE OF 5,000 AT CELEBRATION

President Alderman Announces Additional Gift of \$100,000 From Education Board.

WOODROW WILSON WRITES

Former President, Alumnus of University, Objects to Proposal to Transfer Medical School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 31.—With 5,000 visitors in attendance, including 150 American college presidents and delegates from the leading educational institutions of the world, the University of Virginia, founded by Thomas Jefferson as the crowning achievement of his life, and sponsored by Madison and Monroe, began today the celebration of its one hundredth birthday.

Charlottesville took on a gala appearance as the great army of visitors, many of them coming hundreds of miles to pay tribute to the South's premier institution and to the great apostle of liberty, whose spirit still is the guiding influence at the university. The celebration, which began in from every section of the country, brilliant sunshine marked the opening day of the centennial celebration.

Dr. Barr Makes First Address.

The first address of the day was made this morning in Cabell Hall by Dr. William Alexander Barr, D. D., 92, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, who told his audience that the "university, which has expressed 100 years ago with such a lack of sympathy with religion, for there are many evidences of a deep spirituality in the life of the Sage of Monticello."

One of the outstanding features of the day was a message from former President Woodrow Wilson, an alumnus of the university, in which he put himself squarely on record as favoring the retention of the department of medicine of the University of Virginia at the university.

The general Alumni Association of the university met today and was presided over by Dr. Hugh Young, of Baltimore. The association unanimously adopted a resolution to present the following "memorial" to the board of visitors, which reads, in part, as follows: "Under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, the board of visitors of the university is called upon to reach its opinion of the question whether the medical school of the university should be removed to the city of Richmond. The members of the Alumni Association are fully conscious of the responsibility that rests upon the board in reaching the decision upon this question, which is so vital to the interests of the university and of the State. One of the great opportunities of this occasion is to show that the great aspirations of its founder have been realized, and that Jefferson's many epoch-making innovations have stood the test of time."

The proposed removal of the medical department raises the single issue, was Jefferson wrong in placing the medical school, which was so dear to his heart, at this university?

While the board of visitors took no action upon this "memorial," it (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

SUSPEND HEAD OF AIR MAIL SERVICE AT CHICAGO

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, May 31.—E. W. Majors, superintendent of the Chicago division of the air mail, was relieved from duty on orders from Washington today following a month's investigation by postal inspectors.

Assistant Superintendents W. S. Moore and Paul V. King and Field Manager Paul Dumas also were relieved from duty pending "further instructions." C. A. Parker was appointed temporary chief of the division in Majors' place.

The investigation into conditions at Checkerboard Field followed the deaths of five pilots in the Chicago division in the last few months. Charges of inefficiency, negligence and drunkenness were made by witnesses during the inquiry, which was in charge of Charles H. Clahan, a postal inspector. All of these charges were strongly denied by the accused officials, whose conduct also was defended by pilots at the field.

Pretender to French Throne Says He Is Ready to Rule

(By United News.)
PARIS, May 31.—Philippe, Duke of Orleans, who is perhaps the most legitimate pretender to the throne of France, is entirely ready to try and do a "come-back" for French royalty.

Sending a message to Parisian royalists, celebrating St. Philippe's Day, and declaring his willingness to assume power whenever the people desire, he said:

"History shows it is impossible for the government of France to be without a permanent personal chief. His absence is bitterly resented, but the country is returning to the truth. The present regime has proved its impotence. It does not know how to execute the treaty it has concluded."

FIRE THREATENS CHURCH DURING CHOIR REHEARSAL

Quick Action by Ernest H. Cosh, Saves All Saints' From Probable Serious Damage.

TURN OFF ELECTRIC CURRENT

Smoke Blinds Choirmaster as He Enters Basement to Find Seat of Trouble—Building Houses Valuable Art Treasures.

Probably nothing but the presence of mind, quick action and knowledge of the location of switchboards on the part of Ernest H. Cosh, organist and choirmaster, saved All-Saints Episcopal Church from serious damage. If not destroyed, by fire about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. Cosh was conducting a rehearsal of the "Eves" choir, when one of the youngsters, exclaimed:

"I smell fire!"

Other boys admitted sensing the same "smell" at the same time. Mr. Cosh, too, had caught the scent, but not wishing to alarm his young charges, ordered them to remain quiet while he went to the basement to investigate.

Upon opening the door of the room in which the electric motor is housed, he was met by volumes of smoke, which forced him to turn back. Going to the lavatory, he soaked his handkerchief in water, went back to the smoke-filled room and succeeded in finding his way to the switchboard, which he quickly turned off. Meantime, the auditorium of the church had filled with smoke which had escaped from the motor room in the basement.

But the boys had refused to become panic-stricken and sat like little soldiers until the return of Mr. Cosh. He dismissed the choir for the day and they filed out in orderly manner. If the fire had gained but little headway, it is certain that much damage might have resulted as the motor is surrounded by a wooden case and just above it is a wooden ceiling. Electricians and mechanics will be put at work this morning to take measures to prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

All-Saints' church, one of the finest in the South, contains memorials and art treasures of tremendous value; the collection being variously estimated at from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Photo Engravers on Strike.
NEW YORK, May 31.—A strike of photo engravers employed in the seven-story new plant of New York City and all commercial printing establishments making photographs for newspapers was ordered late today by Photo Engravers' Union No. 1. It becomes effective tomorrow morning. This action was taken when an ultimatum demanding immediate signature of a contract with a flat wage increase of \$5 weekly was refused by the publishers.

URGE PORTLY CONGRESSMEN TO USE HOUSE OFFICE "GYM" IN ORDER TO REDUCE WEIGHT

Committee Institutes Swedish Exercise System, Which Members Assert Will Cure All Troubles and Put Representatives in Fine Fighting Trim.

(By United News.)

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Portly Representatives are being urged to utilize the gymnasium in the House Office Building to reduce their weight.

The gymnasium committee, composed of Representatives Newton, Reed and Britton, has arranged to institute a system of Swedish exercises, and is endeavoring to interest the lawmakers in taking them. Sergeant W. C. Force, marine, has been detailed to put the Congressmen through their paces.

The Swedish system of physical training, under the eye and touch of one who knows, is at your disposal for nothing," reads the prospectus of the gymnasium committee.

"It will make fat men lean and it will make lean men strong."

"It will make hot days seem cool, and it will be a can to sleepless nights and lost appetites."

"It will drive away that drowsy feeling and the grouch will be no more."

"We owe it to yourself, your family and your government to keep in the best physical condition possible."

The committee intends to form classes in handball, medicine ball, setting-up exercises, and so forth.

And the committee adds: "Sergeant Force is thoroughly qualified to give you a pleasant bout on the wrestling mat or by boxing gloves, at your convenience."

EDMONDS TELLS STORY OF SOUTH'S GREAT EXPANSION

Relates History of Struggle From Poverty to Present High Place.

MANUFACTURERS' RECORD EDITOR RICHMOND'S GUEST

Addresses Chamber of Commerce Members at the Jefferson Hotel.

Addressing about 150 members of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce last night in the Jefferson Hotel auditorium, Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, and one of the foremost authorities on Southern affairs, spoke on the "Three Stages of Southern Development and the South's Relation to the Nation's Welfare."

Mr. Edmonds declared that the South was the least understood section of the country and yet its greatest undeveloped asset. He stated that while other sections of the country have been believing that the Southern people were indolent and easy-going they have been going ahead and striving to overcome the handicap of the four years of war and eleven years of reconstruction.

"While it is now being said that the countries of Europe are in the most terrible condition known in history, I venture to say that Russia is the only country that has experienced the suffering of the South," said Mr. Edmonds.

Following the address by Mr. Edmonds, John Kerr Branch, president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the meeting, called on a number of the former presidents of the chamber, who were present for short talks, the following responding: S. W. Travers, F. D. Williams, T. M. Carrington, William T. Reid and Coleman Wortham.

John Skelton Williams, former Controller of the Currency, was also called upon for a short address. "The farmers of the country are going ahead at full speed at present, while the industries are generally running at only about 25 per cent capacity," declared Mr. Williams. He stated that he believed that this would in time bring about better conditions.

Mr. Williams also declared that he believed the Federal Reserve Bank (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

DEFENDANT IN HYSTERICS, NOTT TRIAL INTERRUPTED

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 31.—The trial of Mrs. Ethel H. Nott, charged with the murder of her husband, was interrupted this afternoon for forty-five minutes as a result of the defendant becoming hysterical when William Rooney testified that he waited two nights with a hatchet for George B. Nott.

"You lie. Don't you say that you were ever in my house," cried Mrs. Nott, jumping from her seat and rushing toward the witness. As she was pulled back to her seat Mrs. Nott said: "They are lying so. I can't stand it any longer." She was carried into the sheriff's room and court recessed until she regained her composure.

2 SOLDIERS KILLED, 4 DYING, 9 HURT IN BOMB EXPLOSION

Tail of Airplane Hits Shell, Causing Blow-Up at Aberdeen, Md.

EXPLOSIVES FOR USE IN AVIATION PRACTICE

Men Were Attempting to Turn Craft Around When Crash Occurred.

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, Md., May 31.—Two soldiers were killed and thirteen others were injured, four perhaps fatally, by the explosion of a bomb at the army proving grounds at Aberdeen, Md., today, a brief official statement issued by order of the commanding officer late this afternoon said.

The dead—Private A. W. Sherman, Private E. H. Grimmer, both of the Fourteenth Bombing Squadron, air service.

Probably fatally injured—Captain Joseph E. Hall, air service; Private Samuel Weinstock, Thirty-fourth Ordnance Company.

Privates L. S. Hite of the Fourteenth Squadron, air service; D. D. Bevin, of the same organization; Charles J. O'Neill, of the Thirty-fourth Ordnance Company, and Edward Jarry, of the same organization, all were wounded and recovery was reported to be doubtful.

Injured, less seriously—First Lieutenant Charles E. Elison, air service, of Hagerstown, Md.; First Lieutenant L. R. Bees, Corporal R. F. Coble, Thirty-fourth Ordnance Company; Private E. C. Naale, Forty-seventh Ordnance Company; Private L. J. Bigelow, Thirty-fourth Ordnance Company; Private E. W. Hall, Fourteenth Bombing Squadron; Private C. J. O'Neill, Thirty-fourth Ordnance Company; Private M. D. Bevin, Fourteenth Bombing Squadron; Robert M. Herr, Baltimore, Md., a civilian employee.

Unofficial advice said that Captain Hall had both eyes blown out and that Mr. Herr had his left leg blown off.

The official report stated that three bombs weighing 100 pounds each and one weighing fifty pounds, had been loaded upon an airplane for tests. As the plane was about to start its flight it was decided to turn it around, and all those on board were about the big plane helping in the operation.

Neither Major Borden nor Captain Roberts attempted in oral reports tonight to fix the responsibility for the explosion.

According to other reports, however, a fifty-pound bomb rolled from the airplane and was struck by the rudder as the plane swung around, causing the explosion.

TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN LEAGUE COVENANT

(By United News.)

LONDON, May 31.—The Canadian proposal that Article X be eliminated from the league of nations covenant will be discussed by the amendment committee of the league at its meeting here Wednesday.

Other proposed changes in the covenant, including suggestions submitted by Portugal, Colombia, and the Scandinavian countries concerning league financial matters, will also be considered.

3 DIE, 17 WOUNDED AS CROWN FORCES MARCH ACROSS MINED ROAD

Were Going to Target Range Near Cork When Explosion Takes Place.

(By United News.)
CORK, May 31.—Marching along a road near Youghal, headed for the target range for target practice, a detachment of British soldiers, preceded by a band, strode across a mined spot in the highway, today, and when the dust of the explosion cleared three members of the band lay dead and sixteen other members of the contingent were wounded. Father Roche, a Catholic priest, who was motoring to mass, also was wounded.

Three of the injured soldiers are expected to die. An unidentified mounted civilian is reported to have been killed.

According to military advice there was no rebel attack in connection with the exploding of the mine, as at first reported.

WATSON SEEKS TO MAKE U. S. BONDS LEGAL TENDER

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Federal bonds would be made legal tender under a bill introduced today by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, who declared the general industrial and financial depression to be due to contraction of the circulating currency.

BIG BUILDING BOOM HERE IN MAY SETS A NEW HIGH FIGURE

Permits for 203 Structures Issued, 101 of Which Are Homes.

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR WORK TO COST \$1,386,171

Number of Garages to Be Erected Shows Wide Use of Automobile.

This monthly report of Building Inspector Butler is a revelation and an inspiration in that it shows remarkable progress in construction and an effort on the part of citizens to solve the housing problem. The report shows that more applications for permits to build dwelling houses have been issued than in any one month for a number of years. The value of new work, as indicated in the report is placed at \$1,251,927, while that of repair and alteration work is \$124,244. This total of \$1,386,171 exceeds that of the previous month by \$423,715, the excess being greater than the total for many months in the past five or six years.

The report shows that 161 applications for dwellings have been issued. Of this number forty-two were for brick dwellings. During the period permits for five apartment houses were issued, the cost being placed at \$255,000. The fact that permits for forty-two private garages were issued, indicates, as suggested by Inspector Butler, that many of those who are building are in the suburbs, and that the suburbanite is finding the automobile one of his necessary adjuncts.

As compared to the report for May, there is an increase in new work of \$331,712, and an increase in repair work of \$19,336. The total amount of work from January 1 to May 31, is placed at \$2,552,750 for new work, and \$627,316 for repair work, making a total of \$3,180,066 for the five months.

Permits were issued during the month of May for 203 new structures, including forty-two brick dwellings, fifty-nine frame dwellings, three brick stores, forty-two frame stores, forty-two private garages, five apartment houses, one church, six warehouses, one dormitory, one orphanage, and one brick stable. The repairs to brick dwellings amount to twenty-two, and to frame dwellings, to forty-four, while four theaters were repaired at a cost of \$4,500, and a hotel was repaired at a cost of \$5,000. The repairs to eighteen brick stores amount to \$24,755. He also reported that since January 1, permits for 190 new brick dwellings and for 135 new frame dwellings have been issued, and permits for eleven apartment houses have been issued in that period.

Inspector Butler said yesterday that the report fails to tell the whole story, for he has now under consideration a large number of applications for dwellings, and that from inquiries at his office every day, there are many more coming up. He attributes this increase to two things—the lowering of costs for materials and labor, and the desire of many to own their own homes. A large percentage of the permits for dwellings were issued to individuals who are building for themselves, although the use of many houses being constructed by contractors and builders for investment purposes. He feels that the slump has passed and that from now on the building interests will be in their normal state.

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3,000 MOTION PICTURE EMPLOYES GO HUNGRY IN GREAT FILM CENTER

Serious Slump Descends on Celluloid Industry in Los Angeles and Hollywood.

(By United Press.)

LOS ANGELES, May 31.—If you, the pretty lady, and you, young Mr. Handsome, are thinking of going into the movies, take it out in thinking and continue to brighten the corner where you are.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 motion picture workers in this film metropolis, and in Hollywood are going hungry because of the slump which has descended on the celluloid industry.

One young picture actor, who has done excellent bits in several well-known pictures within the last year, faintly on Hollywood Boulevard Tuesday, and on being taken to the hospital admitted he hadn't eaten in three days. He had walked to Universal City and back looking for work.

Pride is keeping many others from making equally astounding admissions. Beautiful young women, who became known throughout the film colony for their extravagance in their halcyon days have sold their automobiles and, bit by bit, are disposing of their jewels, and even clothes, to keep up appearances.

The picture producers blame a part of the present inactivity in the studios on the introduction of foreign films. Others, more frank, state that general retrenchment is necessary until business conditions are better.

TWELVE PER CENT CUT IN WAGES OF ALL RAIL EMPLOYEES ANNOUNCED

SENATE DEFEATS EFFORT TO REDUCE FUNDS FOR NAVY

Rejects Amendment for \$15,000,000 Curtailment by 35-to-20 Vote.

KING URGES HALTING OF 1916 BUILDING PROGRAM

Senator Declares Ships Under Construction Now Are Already Obsolete.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—The third week of Senate debate on the \$185,000,000 naval appropriation bill opened today with the group of Senators who have been prominent in the disarmament and economical controversies offering new proposals for naval reduction. A final vote, however, is expected by leaders tomorrow or Thursday.

When the Senate, after its holiday recess, resumed consideration of the bill, Senator Lenroot, Republican, of Wisconsin, offered an amendment to cut \$15,000,000 from the total of \$185,000,000 voted by the House and supported by the Senate Naval Committee for continuing work on the 1914 naval building program. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 35 to 20.

Senator King, Democrat, Utah, offered an amendment proposing temporary suspension of work on five of the six new battle cruisers and also on six superdreadnoughts of the South Dakota class. He spoke for several hours on his amendment and it went over until tomorrow.

Disarmament questions, the place the United States should occupy among the naval powers, comparisons of the naval program of the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and numerous other subjects were thrashed out anew in today's discussion.

Would Keep Second Place.

In supporting his amendment, Senator Lenroot expressed the opinion, in which Senator Williams, Democrat, Mississippi, concurred, that the United States should not become more than the second strongest naval power.

FRENCH SENATE VOTES CONFIDENCE IN BRIAND

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 31.—The Senate today voted confidence in Premier Briand in connection with the reparations settlement. The vote was 277 to 8.

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Believe Settlement of Railway Problem Nearer

(By United News.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—Government officials regard the announcement of the Railroad Labor Board in Chicago that wages paid railroad workers will be reduced as bringing nearer a settlement of the perplexing transportation problem.

No solution was possible, they said, so long as the question of wages remained open.

Labor leaders repeated declarations that wage reductions were not justified. But they point to the fact that the 12 per cent reduction announced by the board is less than the cuts in other industries, notably the steel industry. They saw reason for gratification also in the fact that the reduction advocated by railroad executives—20 or 30 per cent—was not allowed.

SAYS PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IS "REBUKE" TO HARVEY

Utterances at Memorial Address in Virginia Interpreted by Senator McKellar.

URGES RECALLING ENVOY

Tennessean Bitterly Assails Ambassador's Address in Britain, Saying Parts of It Constitute Libel on U. S. Government.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—President Harding's utterances at Pollock, Va., on Sunday and his Memorial Day address yesterday were interpreted in the Senate today by Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, as a "re-buke" to Ambassador Harvey for his address before The Pilgrim Society in London recently.

Drawing what he termed a "deadly parallel" of the remarks of the President and Mr. Harvey, Senator McKellar asked that they be printed in the Congressional Record to show the "contrast." He also urged that Mr. Harvey be recalled from the post of St. James.

Senator McKellar declared portions of the Harvey speech constituted a libel on the American government and every patriotic citizen. The ambassador's statement that "we were afraid not to fight" was characterized by the Senator as being "as false as Satan himself."

The President, in "proving" the ambassador, has proved that he is a sincere and honest, patriotic American, Senator McKellar declared.

Harvey to Attend Council.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 31.—Ambassador Harvey told the American correspondents today that he expected to attend the forthcoming meeting of the supreme council in Boulogne, but he would not indicate whether he would take part in the deliberations of the council or sit with it merely as an observer.

The American ambassador took occasion to express his opinion in London newspapers that because of his close personal relations with President Harding he might depart from strict diplomatic usage and voice his personal opinions with relation to international questions.

Mr. Harvey declined to express an opinion as to what the American attitude would be in the matter of assisting in the execution of the league of nations plan for the economic rehabilitation of Austria, and other issues involving the league. He added that nothing had been officially brought to his attention with reference to an alleged diversion of Irish White Cross funds for the purchase of American ammunition found in Ireland.

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DECISION OF BOARD TO AFFECT NEARLY TWO MILLION MEN

Reduction in Pay Will Become Effective First of Next Month.

RAILROAD EXECUTIVES EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT

Had Hopes of "Wipe Out" of 20 Per Cent Increase Granted Last Year.

UNION HEADS SAY NOTHING

Approximately \$400,000,000 Annual Pay Will Be Dropped From Pay Rolls of Companies.

(By United News.)
CHICAGO, May 31.—A 12 per cent reduction in the wages of all classes of railroad labor, which will top approximately \$400,000,000 annually from the pay rolls of practically every railroad in the country, was announced tonight by the United States Railroad board.

The reduction will become effective on July 1. It will affect nearly 2,000,000 railroad employees.

The reduction hits every class of railroad employees from engineers to common labor. While the decision declares that it affects only those roads which made applications for wage reduction prior to April 15, it adds that it will also include "such carriers as may be included hereafter by addenda, and to the specific classes of employees named or referred to under each particular carrier." Eighty-six railroads are included in the decision, and all other class A carriers will be included by July 1, as they are given until that date to file petitions for wage reductions.

Owners Disappointed.

Railroad executives expressed disappointment in the decision. They said that they had hoped that it would completely wipe out the 20 per cent increase given last year, providing for a \$600,000,000 annual increase. By this decision the employees are still the gainers by \$200,000,000 over wages prior to July 1, 1920.

Union leaders declined to comment, pending study of the provisions of the decision.

"In view of our needs the decision falls short of our expectations," said President H. E. Byram, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad. "We had hoped that it would abrogate the \$600,000,000 increase of last year. We will have to find out much about this cut will reduce our operating expenses before making any predictions about the possibility of a rate decrease. It is a step in the right direction, however, and should help business, and, ultimately, the employment problem on railroads."

The cut is based on hourly, daily, and monthly rates